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1. WE DO NOT KNOW JUSTICE PATRICK DANKWA ANIN WELL BUT HAVE FAIRLY GOOD BIO DATA ON HIM IN OUR FILES.

2. IN MAY 1975 GHANA PUT ANIN FORWARD FOR ELECTION TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. ACCORDING TO CURRICULUM VITAE PROVIDED BY GOG AT THE TIME, ANIN WAS BORN JULY 27, 1928 IN BEKWAI, ASHANTI REGION, GHANA. HE ATTENDED CAMBRIDGE 1949-52, TAKING B.A. WITH HONORS IN HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THEN RECEIVED LL.B. WITH HONORS FROM LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS IN 1955. CALLED TO BAR IN 1956, HE PRACTICED AS A LAWYER IN GHANA FROM 1956-67. HE HELD NUMEROUS GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS -- COMMISSIONER (MINISTER) FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, 1967-68; COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, 1968-69; MEMBER OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION, 1966-67; DIRECTOR OF BANK OF GHANA, 1966-67; MEMBER OF GHANA'S DELEGATION TO COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS CONFERENCE, 1969; AND CHAIRMAN OF GHANA'S NATIONAL COMMISSION ON BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION, 1970. ON JUDICIAL SIDE, ANIN WAS APPOINTED COURT OF APPEAL JUSTICE IN 1969 AND A JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT IN 1971. HIS EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDES SERVICE AS LEADER OF GHANA DELEGATION TO 1968 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, LEADER OF DELEGATION TO OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCES IN 1968 AND 1969, AND LEADER OF DELEGATION

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TO US SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS HELD IN OCTOBER 1973 IN TANZANIA.

3. ANIN WAS AN IV GRANTEE IN 1968, VISITING WASHINGTON, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, SIOUX CITY, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK WHEN HE WAS COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. HE PROVED AN EXCELLENT VISITOR, DISPLAYING A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST AND SHOWING HIMSELF ARTICULATE AND WELL VERSED ON MOST SUBJECTS.

A FELLOW JUSTICE ON COURT OF APPEALS DESCRIBED HIM AS "BRILLIANT"
AND "PROGRESSIVE". ANIN IS MARRIED AND HAS AT LEAST FOUR CHILDREN.
HOBBIES INCLUDE TENNIS, FIELD HOCKEY AND DIXIELAND MUSIC.

4. ON BASIS OF OUR BIO HOLDINGS, WE FEEL TUN IS A GOOD
CANDIDATE FOR UNHCR POSITION. HE APPEARS MATURE, WELL EDUCATED,
EXPERIENCED AND INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS. WE RECOMMEND FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION. SMITH

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